

Composition of and Feedbacks from the Participants

I. Composition of the Participants

A. Participants

2026 Spring Course started on March 6 and lasted 13 weeks ending May 29. A total of 103 students applied the Program with final selection of 81. Out of them, 74 students from 34 countries received the Certificates of Completion. Composition of 74 students is as follows:

B. By sex

Male 23, Female 51

C. By continents

Asia pacific 39 students from 14 countries. Uzbekistan 16, Indonesia 7, Kyrgyzstan 2, Turkmenistan 2, Kazakhstan 2, Philippine 2, Bangladesh 1, Mongol 1, Iran 1, Bahrain 1, Sri Lanka 1, Turkiye 1, Vietnam 1, Azerbaijan 1

Africa 28 students from 15 countries. Kenya 6, Ghana 4, Nigeria 3, Uganda 3, Cameroon 2, Somalia 1, Benin 1, Ethiopia 1, Egypt 1, Tanzania 1, Zambia 1, Mali 1, Eswatini 1, Tunisia 1, Rwanda 1

Latin America and the Caribbeans 3 students from 3 countries. Peru 1, Honduras 1, Dominican Republic 1

Europe 4 students from 2 countries. Russia 3, Bulgaria 1

D. By Universities

Total 23 Universities:

Yonsei (14), Seoul National (8), Hanyang (7), Ewha Women's (7), Korea Aerospace (5), Sungkyunkwan (4), Kangwon (4), Univ. of Seoul (3), Seoul Int'l (3), Calvin (2),

Kyunghee (2), Hankook Univ. of Foreign Studies (2), Korea (2), Gachon (2), Sogang (1), Jeonbuk National (1), Soonchunhyang Univ. (1), Seoul National Univ. of Science and Technology (1), Seojeong (1), The Academy of Korean Studies (1), Seoul Women's (1), Chungnam National (1), Konkuk (1)

E. By level of study

Undergraduate level (24), Master degree level (44), Doctoral degree level (6)

II. Feedbacks from the students

A. Students from Asia

- The program is very educational and insightful for people who are interested in staying/working in Korea. I learned a lot and even changed some of my preconceived notions about the country (despite studying here for almost 4 years now). I wish I joined and found out about this program sooner.
- This course helps us to know more about Korea and also build networking among new friends. Also, the lecturers were really excellent people. They shared their experiences with heart. Hopefully, this course will be a long-lasting program to help more students love Korea more and learn how Korea built this country. It is such valuable knowledge to bring back to our own countries.
- All programs and lectures were well organized and professional. Thank you so much for preparing this valuable program. I learnt a lot through those lectures, and I felt like I was one step closer to my goal of becoming a good future leader.
- The program had a very interesting journey. Me as a government worker in my country, learned a lot about leadership and Korea's development. Every lecture,

I analyzed how can I apply this knowledge in my country.

- The lectures were highly informative for me. I have learnt the deep and strong development in Korean economy, policy, and society. The lecturers were insanely professional so that all the sessions were enriched with great statistical information. I really appreciate what I have learnt so far.
- In the beginning, my expectations were totally different, but I can say that it is way better than my expectations. I got very good information on how leadership plays such a crucial role in the development of countries, and I gained a good vision of what important qualities a leader should possess. The lectures are very informative and rich with facts.

B. Students from Africa

- The Leadership Academy program was very informative, engaging, and very meaningful to me. I appreciate the opportunity of learning about leadership, Korean progress in development, democracy, and economy.
The program was also a good environment and opportunity to connect and learn from this multicultural and dynamic environment.
- Very empowering program for young leaders that is a critical addition to academic university studies, bringing reality to the attendees
- The program was well organized and the contents were very insightful and relevant. The organizers put in great effort to make the program a success. I appreciate their commitment and dedication for these 13 weeks.
- Overall, the program has been great. The experience was really satisfying because I had the opportunity to meet people from all over the world and make

friends. Aside from that, I also commend the professional way in which the lectures have been handled. I am really glad to be a part of the cohort.

- This program has been one of the best I have attended in Korea. With the zeal for leadership, it has opened my eyes wide to the best leadership strategies. Coming from a religious background and also an underdeveloped country, I look forward to being a leader relevant to society. Rather than waiting for miracles, I must be actively involved in the development and growth of my nation. Through this program, I have acquired very relevant information that I can use to train others and create mindset change for the betterment of my nation.
- Overall, the program is very interesting. It helps to know more about Korea that I wasn't or wouldn't be able to learn in my university. E.g., the Saemaul Undong program helps a lot and I hope I'll apply it in my country. The program provides good lectures and the special professors made it enjoyable.
- This program opened my mind about development and growth. I am confident this made me a better leader than I was before. From personal development, community development, and leading in the space I occupy in the future, this program has been very valuable. This program left a mark on my career and will remain forever.

C. Students from Latin America and the Caribbean

- Since I arrived in Korea just 3 months ago, this was the perfect opportunity for me to dive into Korean culture, history, economy, achievements, problems, and how the country tackled the biggest challenges it faced in the past century. Highly informative, I feel more prepared to interact with the Korean society and

build my life here, knowing the current and past context of the country

D. Students from Europe

- It is a nice place and environment to make new foreign friends, learn more about Korean history, and spend productive time. I actually used the knowledge I gained here in my university classes and assignments, pointing out that it was not only interesting and fun but also quite useful. I am glad I joined this academy and could spend such a great time with everyone.
- It was a very special experience to meet young and diverse people while learning deeply about South Korea's journey to development. Best part for me was the field trip. I feel so grateful to be a part of the academy and will definitely suggest to other people.
- I think this program is very generous to international students. Not only does it provide us with a lot of new information and knowledge, but it also treats us so well (I felt like I'm at home).